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SUBJ: SPLEX: MEDICAL EXCHANGES: NOVIKOV

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1. AS REPORTED REF B, EMBASSY IN ACCORDANCE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS AT BOTH MINHEALTH AND MFA USA DIVISION, STATING THAT NOVIKOV REFUSAL WAS BASED ON QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE.

2. EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT, IN ADVISING OF OUR REVERSAL AND WILLINGNESS TO ISSUE VISA, TO DESCRIBE THIS CASE AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE WHICH WE FOLLOW. WE CONTACTED KOMPLEKTOV, USA DIVISION, AND INFORMED HIM THAT THIS IS AN EXCEPTION AND THAT WE WISHED TO EXPRESS OUR OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO INCLUDING PERSONS WITH SUCH BACKGROUNDS (KOMPLEKTOV INTERJECTED "WITH INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUNDS") IN THESE DELEGATIONS BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE PROGRAMS. KOMPLEKTOV RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH OUR POSITION AND THAT FROM THE SOVIET SIDE THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE A SERIOUS APPROACH TO THESE EXCHANGES AND WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. WE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE HOPE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

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